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SUBJ: REPLACEMENT OF DEFENSE ATTACHE AT PHNOM PENH

FOR JOHN B. THRO (INR) FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: PHNOM PENH 15660

1. THE PRESENT DEFENSE ATTACHE, COLONEL LOUIS B. MARTIN, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON, WHERE HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY DIA THAT IF HE WERE WILLING TO EXTEND HIS TOUR OF DUTY IN PHNOM PENH UNTIL THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR, DIA WOULD ACQUIESCE IN THIS EXTENSION. COLONEL MARTIN'S CURRENT TOUR WILL COME TO AN END IN JULY, 1975. HE HAS CONFIRMED TO ME HIS WILLINGNESS TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL DECEMBER, BUT NO LONGER.

2. IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT DIFFICULTY THE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT HAS IN FINDING A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR COLONEL MARTIN WHO HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS I CONSIDER ESSENTIAL FOR THIS POSITION (SET FORTH IN REFTEL), I ACCEPT WITH ALACRITY COLONEL MARTIN'S OFFER TO HAVE HIS TOUR EXTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY FIVE MONTHS. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL PROVIDE CONTINUITY IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE DURING 1975, A PERIOD I BELIEVE WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR CAMBODIA.

3. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT COLONEL MARTIN'S TOUR BE EXTENDED UNTIL DECEMBER 1975 AND THAT YOU TAKE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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